

(b) the details of assistance sought by Orissa in the past three years for the purpose; and

(c) whether any interactive computer requested for by the State is proposed to be provided by the Centre?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON):

(a). The extent to which the State are being assisted in the matter of rapid image processing/remote sensing applications are:

- Providing technical guidance and support towards infrastructural build-up.
- Identification of manpower requirements.
- Association of State Remote Sensing Centres in various nationally relevant projects for natural resources.
- Providing some financial assistance as "seed money" for the setting up of State Remote Sensing Centre subject to a matching contribution by the State Governments.

(b) During the last three-year period, Orissa State Remote Sensing Centre has sought assistance from Department of Space (DOS) for procurement of a suitable image processing system.

(c) DOS has provided financial assistance to the extent of Rs. 20.00 lakhs to the Orissa State Remote Sensing Centre for the procurement of an interactive computer system for image processing.

### **Pak Concentration on Borders**

1097. SHRI RAM SAGAR (Saidpur):  
SHRI P.M. SAYEED:  
SHRI GOPI NATH GAJAPATHI:  
SHRIMATI CHENNUPATI VIDYA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the recent press report about concentration and mass movements of Pakistani troops across the Western borders, especially borders of J&K, Punjab, Rajasthan and Kutch;

(b) if so, what is the Government's independent assessment in this regard; and

(c) the steps taken by Government to meet any eventuality of aggression or other onslaught?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Government have seen media reports in this regard.

(b) and (c). A close watch is kept on all developments having a bearing on our national security and appropriate measures are taken as necessary to ensure full defence preparedness.

### **Objectives and Priorities in Eighth Plan**

1098. SHRI MANORANJAN BHAKTA:  
SHRI B. RAJARAVI VARMA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are laying greater emphasis on agriculture, rural devel-

opment and employment generation in the Eighth Five Year Plan; and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE PRIME MINISTER (SHRI VISHWANATH PRATAP SINGH): (a) Yes, sir.

(b) It is proposed to allocate 50 per cent of the public sector outlay on programmes and projects of benefit to rural areas. Also it is proposed to lay greater emphasis on the growth of employment intensive activities.

#### Investment on Defence Projects

1099. SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL:  
SHRI D. AMAT:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the experts have suggested that heavy investment should be made to go in for missiles and nuclear defence;

(b) if so, the reaction of Government thereto; and

(c) any specific proposals/schemes, in this direction?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (DR. RAJA RAMANNA): (a) Govt. has not appointed any Expert Group to suggest overall investment required for missiles & nuclear defence. However, there are some on-going guided missile Projects in DRDO.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Does not arise.

#### Indo-U.S. Cooperation on Cultural Heritage and Media

1100. SHRI SHANTILAL PURUSHOTTAMDAS PATEL: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and U.S. have agreed to cooperate in a number of projects in the fields of cultural heritage and media;

(b) if so, whether any agreement in this regard has been reached;

(c) to what extent U.S. Government have agreed to provide their cooperation in this field; and

(d) by what time implementation is likely to be taken up?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY AND MINISTER OF STATE IN DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCES DEVELOPMENT (PROF. M.G.K. MENON): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The Indo-U.S. Joint Commission was established in October, 1974 with the two Foreign Minister on both sides as the Co-Chairmen. At that time it was decided to set up three Sub-Commissions on

(i) Education and Culture

(ii) Science and Technology

(iii) Economic and Commercial Collaboration.

The ICCR was made the Indian Secretariat for the Indo-U.S. Sub-Commission on Education and Culture.

(c) The Indo-U.S. Sub-Commission on Education and Culture implements and